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SUBJECT: CIVAIR CHARTER TALKS

1. EMBASSY TRANSMITS TRANSLATION (UNESSENTIAL WORDS
OMITTED, PARA NUMBERING ADDED) OF LETTER FROM O' CONNOR
TO MEADOWS. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

QTE: AFTER OUR TALK IN NEW YORK I HAVE HAD NO NEWS
FROM YOU, LEADING ME TO SUPPOSE THAT THE SOUNDINGS YOU
SAID YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF
THE CAB APPLYING TO SPANISH CHARTER CARRIERS THE SAME
RULES WE APPLY TO U. S. SUPPLEMENTALS HAVE NOT HAD MUCH
SUCCESS.

2. BUT WE HAVE YOUR REQUEST MEET MADRID FOR AGREEMENT
ON MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE TGC AND ABC RULES.

3. AS YOU KNOW AND AS I TOLD YOU IN NEW YORK, SPAIN
HAS A COMMITMENT WITH ECAC NOT TO NEGOTIATE FORMALLY ON
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GRANTING CHARTER RIGHTS WITH U. S. OR CANADA BEFORE ECAC REACHES AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CHARTER BILATERALS BETWEEN YOURSELVES AND WERP COUNTRIES. OF COURSE THIS WOULD NOT PREVENT US FROM SIGNING A MEMORANDUM SUCH AS YOU SIGNED WITH FRANCE, ENGLAND, ETC., BUT LIMITED TO MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR RESPECTIVE CHARTERS AND NOT CONCERNED WITH TRAFFIC RIGHTS.

4. THERE ARE TWO FUNDAMENTAL POINTS I WANT TO REPEAT: FIRSTLY, SPAIN CANNOT DEPART FROM A COMMON EUROPEAN POLICY NOT TO START OFFICIAL TALKS WITH THE U. S. IF IT DOES NOT HAVE A PREVIOUS GUARANTEE OF OBTAINING SOME MINIMUM ADVANTAGES BEYOND WHAT IT PRESENTLY HAS. SECONDLY, THESE GUARANTEES SHOULD ASSURE SPANISH CHARTER CARRIERS A MINIMUM OF 20 PERCENT OF CHARTER TRAFFIC BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

5. THE APPLICATION BY THE U. S. AUTHORITIES OF THE 3-4 UPLIFT RATIO TO SPANISH CARRIERS PUTS THEM IN A POSITION OF INEQUALITY WHICH MUST BE ELIMINATED AS HAS OFTEN BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. IF THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THIS UNPLEASANT SITUATION WILL DISAPPEAR IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, WE WILL BE FORCED, IN THE NAME OF RECIPROCITY, TO APPLY TO U. S. CARRIERS THE SAME RULES THE U. S. APPLIES TO OURS. FOR THIS REASON, BEFORE THE SPANISH AIR AUTHORITIES ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS, I WANT TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THE SITUATION WITH THE SINCERITY WITH WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS SPOKEN TO YOU, SO YOU KNOW OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER IN ADVANCE.

6. I AM AWARE ECONOMIC PLANNING WHICH LED YOU TO THE UPLIFT RATIO, BUT THE SAME CRITERIA WOULD SUPPORT OUR POSITION.

7. WITHOUT THIS UNEQUAL TREATMENT BEING MITIGATED, AND WITHOUT THE ASSURANCES I MENTIONED ABOVE, WE CANNOT NEGOTIATE OR CONVERSE, SINCE THAT WOULD PLACE US IN AN UNEQUAL POSITION FROM THE START.

8. WE KNOW THAT IF WE TREAT YOUR SUPPLEMENTALS THE WAY YOU TREAT OURS, CHARTER FLIGHTS IN GENERAL WILL BE AFFECTED. BUT WE THINK THAT MOST AMERICAN CHARTER PASSENGERS COMING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SPAIN CAN FLY ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, GIVEN THE CURRENT FARES FOR GROUPS TRAVELING ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS.

9. BELIEVE I HAVE ALWAYS SPOKEN WITH GREATEST FRANKNESS IN ALL OUR CONVERSATIONS. HENCE REQUEST YOU REPLY IN SAME MANNER.

10. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING THIS LETTER TO MINETTI
AND ASKING HIM ON MY BEHALF TO SEEK GREATEST UNDER-
STANDING AND COOPERATION IN AREAS OF HIS COMPETENCE.

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